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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

SUBJECT: ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 5-8, 1973

REF: STATE 149073

1. DURING MY CALL ON SOUVANNA JULY 31, I RAISED WITH HIM POINTS SET FORTH REFTEL. SOUVANNA REPLIED THAT HE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT GO TO ALGIERS AS HE HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED BECAUSE LAO COALITION GOVERNMENT (PGNU) WILL HAVE BEEN FORMED BY THAT TIME AND HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM TO REMAIN IN COUNTRY AT LEAST FOR THE INITIAL FEW WEEKS. (DURING SOUVANNA'S ABSENCE FROM LAOS, HIS HALF BROTHER, PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG, HEAD OF THE LPF, WOULD BE ACTING PRIME MINISTER.) SOUVANNA OPINED THAT SOUPHANOUVONG WOULD PROBABLY ATTEND THE CONFERENCE IN HIS CAPACITY AS MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE NEW PGNU. SOUVANNA FURTHER STATED THAT AFTER COALITION GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FORMED, LAO CABINET WOULD DECIDE WHAT POSITION RLG DELEGATE WOULD TAKE AT ALGIERS CONFERENCE. SINCE GEORGETOWN CONFERENCE HAD ACCEPTED SIHANOUK PARTY AS REPRESENTATIVES OF CAMBODIA DESPITE LAOS' OBJECTION, SOUVANNA THOUGHT THAT AT THE ALGIERS CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER LAOS WOULD ADOPT A "NEUTRAL STANCE." SPEAKING STRICTLY PERSONALLY, THE PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE NEW LAO PGNU TO ADOPT AN ALIGNED POSITION ON SO EXPLOSIVE AN ISSUE AS CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION

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SO SOON AFTER RECONCILIATION HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN LAOS.

2. COMMENT: SOUVANNA VOICED HIS VIEWS IN VERY DECISIVE FIRM MANNER AND I DOUBT THAT HE OR NEW CABINET WOULD BE PERSUADED BY ANY ARGUMENTS WE PRESENT THAT RLG SHOULD ADOPT SAME POSITION AT ALGIERS AS IT DID AT GEORGETOWN.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO OTHER ADDRESSEES OF REFTEL IF DEEMED NECESSARY.  
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